On or before June 30, 2020, the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services will submit the Autism Services Medicaid State Plan Amendment for approval to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, effective July 1, 2020.

The Autism Treatment rate and applicable conversion factor will be increased by a legislatively appropriated 1.83%. Additionally, the department is applying a policy adjustor to increase rates overall to match the across-the-board provider rate increase for State Fiscal Year 2021. The Relative Value Units will no longer temporary and will be set with the permanent Current Procedural Terminology Category 1 codes. The total estimated annual fiscal impact is $26,353.

We invite your comments and questions postmarked through May 15, 2020. You may direct comments to Mary Eve Kulawik, Medicaid State Plan Amendment and Waiver Coordinator, at (406) 444-2584 or mkulawik@mt.gov; or Director’s Office, PO Box 4210, Helena, MT 59604-4210.